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REMARKS

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1. Between 27 August and 8 September 1953, [redacted] day and night flying in the Freienwalde area by swept-back jet fighters which were believed to be stationed at Finow airfield. At night, the aircraft involved in air activity were in the beams of several searchlights. Day flying by MiG-15s was observed between 3 and 8 September. 25X1

2. In late August and early September, there was intensive flying in the evening hours west of Eberswalde. On two days aircraft were observed towing air sleeves and firing from aircraft weapons was heard. 25X1

3. On 19 September, [redacted] ambulance [redacted] and truck [redacted] at the gate of Finow airfield. 25X1

4. Between 19 September and 11 October, the following observations were made:

19 September. At 5 p.m., [redacted] 57 aircraft most of them MiG-15s or/and MiG-15s at the north side of the field. The alert flight which was parked west of the Finow-Biesenthal highway was comprised of MiG-15 [redacted] Tank truck [redacted] was also seen there. No air activity was observed. 25X1

20 September. At 10:30 a.m., [redacted] the same number of aircraft as on the preceding day. The alert flight consisted of MiG-15s [redacted] No air activity was observed. 25X1

7 October. At 11:30 a.m., [redacted] about 55 aircraft at the north side of the installation. The alert flight consisted of MiG-15s [redacted] Tank truck [redacted] was seen near them. 25X1

8 October. Between 8 a.m. and midnight, there was intensive air activity with short interruptions. Aircraft took off individually and in groups of two. About 10 a.m., a swept-back jet fighter towing an air sleeve landed. In the morning, single-engine aircraft equipped with radial engines and biplanes were seen aloft. The jet involved in air activity [redacted] At 5:40 p.m., the alert flight was released; trucks were used for towing them to and from the parking site. [redacted] were identified. When dark- 25X1

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ness fell, aircraft towing air sleeves took off. The sleeve targets were observed in the beams of three searchlights and were fired at by MiG-15s.

10 October. The MiG-15s of the alert flight [redacted] were released. [redacted]

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11 October. At 11:30 a.m., the alert flight consisted of MiG-15s [redacted]

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5. On 11 October, [redacted] four AA guns and a radio installation near them in the southeastern corner of the installation.²

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7. Air activity observed at the field between 26 September and 15 October included:

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26 September. When an alert was sounded by sirens, MiG-15s or/ and U-MiG-15s took off continuously and left the field toward the west.¹ About 40 motor vehicles left the field toward Finowfurth including tank trucks [redacted]

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and trucks [redacted]

The vehicles were loaded with air force soldiers who wore steel helmets and were armed with carbines.

27 September. About 20 trucks whose license numbers had been made illegible were seen proceeding from the direction of the airfield toward Finowfurth.³ On this day, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15s or/and U-MiG-15s.

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Air fighting was practiced by aircraft flying at great altitudes.⁴

12 October. No air activity was observed.

13 October. There was little air activity during the day.

14 October. Only five MiG-15s were observed making local flights.

15 October. Only a few aircraft were observed aloft. In the afternoon, 45 MiG-15s or/and U-MiG-15s at the north side of the installation, another estimated 10 MiG-15s besides 7 Yak-11s, 7 biplanes and 7 aircraft of undetermined type were also parked there. The alert flight included aircraft [redacted]

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8. On 26 September, [redacted] a convoy of six trucks which towed : 37-mm AA guns proceeding toward Finow. On 11 October, the AAA emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field was occupied. On 15 October, [redacted] at this point 6 x 37-mm AA guns and about 25 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.²

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9. On 15 October, [] a Dumbo-type radar set in line with kilometer marker 6.0 about 1,000 meters south of the Finow-Finowfurth road. A token-type radar set was observed in line with kilometer marker 6.3 and about 800 meters south of the road mentioned.⁵

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11. Between 1 and 4 p.m. on 30 September, there was air activity at the field. Between 11 a.m. and noon on 2 October, groups of four MiG-15s each took off at intervals of 10 seconds, assembled over Eberswalde into a wedge formation and then left toward the south. The MiGs landed after about 15 minutes. After an interval of about three minutes, the next group of 4 MiG-15s would take off. At 5 p.m. on 3 October, [] no air activity. On the morning of 12 October, three MiG-15s were observed over Eberswalde. After about 15 minutes, these MiGs crossed over Finow and landed there. Between 4 and 6 p.m. on 13 October, [] the noise of flying aircraft. About 4 p.m. on 14 October, [] two swept-back jet fighters aloft.¹

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12. On 2 October, [] three guns whose barrels pointed upward, and whose bore was estimated at 37 millimeters, at the AAA emplacement at the field.²

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1. [] Comment. The headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments equipped with a total of 60 to 65 MiG-15s are stationed at Finow airfield. The training program as previously included day and night flying, both individually and in formations and firing at sleeve targets. Most of the aircraft [] reported were known previously.

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2. [] Comment. The AAA emplacement with 6 x 37-mm AA guns is located at the southeastern border of the field.

3. [] Comment. Some of the motor vehicle [] mentioned were known previously. [] have also been observed in Doeberitz. All of the [] mentioned belong to series assigned to the Soviet air force.

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4. [] Comment. These MiG-15s probably participated in maneuvers which had been held by the re-inforced 9th Gds Tank Div in the Neustrelitz area after 27 September 1953.

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5. [] Comment. So far it had been known that a Dumbo, Kniferest and Fishnet type radar set was available at the field. The existence there of a token-type radar is reported for the first time.

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